

REMARKS

This is a Preliminary Amendment for entry in this divisional patent application prior to the calculation of the required filing fee and prior to substantive examination.

Claims 1-37 were originally filed. By the foregoing Amendment, Claims 16-37 have been canceled, without prejudice. The purpose of this cancellation of claims is to obtain substantive examination of the subject matter of non-elected Group I invention, claims 1-15, of the parent application, U.S. Serial No. 09/646,194, in this divisional application. Further, by the foregoing Amendment Claims 1-15 have been amended, and Claims 38-60 have been added. Accordingly, upon the entry of the foregoing Amendment, Claims 1-15 and 38-60 will constitute the claims under active prosecution in this application. No new matter has been introduced into this application as a result of the foregoing Amendment, the new claims being the result of Applicants' removal of improper multiple dependent claims depending from other multiple dependent claims in the application as originally filed. Entry of the foregoing amendments to the claims is therefore respectfully requested prior to the calculation of the fee due for this divisional application and prior to the substantive examination of this divisional application on its merits in response to this communication.

Also by the foregoing Amendment, Applicants have added the required paragraph identifying this application as a divisional application of United States Patent Application Serial No. 09/646,194, entitled DATA DISPLAY DEVICE, filed September 14, 2000, which in turn was a National Stage of International Application No. PCT/JP99/01137, filed March 10, 1999. Entry of this amendment to the specification as well prior to the examination of this application on its substantive merits is respectfully requested in response to this communication.

Entry of the foregoing Amendments, as well as consideration and allowance of this application in response to this communication are respectfully requested in response to this communication.

Applicants believe that additional fees are not required in connection with the consideration of this response to the currently outstanding Official Action. However, if for any reason a fee is required, a fee paid is inadequate or credit is owed for any excess fee paid, you are hereby authorized and requested to charge and/or credit Deposit Account No. **04-1105**, as necessary, for the correct payment of all fees which may be due in connection with the filing and consideration of this communication.

Respectfully submitted,

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